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SUBJ: PRESIDENT MALLOUM'S VISIT TO GABON

REF: LIBREVILLE 1082 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: MALLOUM'S BRIEF VISIT TO LIBREVILLE MAY 5 AND 6 PRODUCED TWO BRIEF AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCES; THREE ANNOUNCED WORKING SESSIONS BETWEEN BONGO AND MALLOUM AND HINT THAT MALLOUM MAY HAVE MET WITH UNNAMED REBEL LEADER. END SUMMARY.

2. CHAIRMAN OF CHADIAN SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, FELIX MALLOUM, ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUGUE AND MINISTER OF TOURISM BACHAR VISITED LIBREVILLE FROM MORNING MAY 5 TO AFTERNOON MAY 6. DURING BRIEF ARRIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE MALLOUM STATED HE WAS WORKING TOWARD NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN FACE OF FROLINAT WHICH "WANTS THE SYSTEMATIC DESTRUCTION OF EVERYTHING THAT EXISTS." MALLOUM,
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HOWEVER, GAVE ONLY LACONIC REPLIES TO MOST QUESTIONS, REFUSED TO COMMENT ON CHAD-LIBYA RELATIONS OR ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S MIDDLE EAST POSITION.

3. FOLLOWING THREE "FRATERNAL AND CORDIAL" WORKING SESSIONS WITH PRESIDENT BONGO, MALLOUM DECLARED THAT IF FROLINAT CONTINUED ITS SHILLY/SHALLYING, HE WOULD ASK

PRESIDENT NUMAYRI NOT OR ORGANIZE THE JUNE MEETING AGREED
TO IN TRIPOLI AND TURN THE PROBLEM OVER TO OAU CHAIRMAN
BONGO.

4. DURING MAY 8 NEWS CONFERENCE WHEN BONGO WAS ASKED
ABOUT RUMORS THAT MALLOUM MAY HAVE MET ONE OR MORE
REBEL LEADERS DURING HIS STAY IN LIBREVILLE, HE
REFUSED TO COMMENT. BONGO SAID THAT WHILE MALLOUM
WAS STAYING IN GABONESE GUEST QUARTERS HE WAS NOT
UNDER SURVEILLANCE AND WAS FREE TO INVITE AROUND
ANYONE HE WISHED. HE LATER TOLD AMBASSADOR MUCH
SAME THING, ADDING THAT IF MALLOUM MET WITH NANY
REBEL LEADER, HE, BONGO, WAS UNAWARE OF IT. TIENKEN

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